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SUBJECT: FROST IN KWANGTUNG AND KWANGSI

1. CZECH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CHLAPIK, WHO VISITED KUEILIN AND CANTON DECEMBER 13-15 WITH VICE MINISTER BURSA, SAID THAT AROUND KUEILIN AND FOR AT LEAST 100 KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH, THE FIELDS, EVEN AT LOW ALTITUDES, WERE COVERED WITH SNOW, WHICH MEASURED 6-7 CENTIMETERS DEEP AT KUEILIN. TEMPERATURES WERE AS LOW AS -5 DEGREES C, AND BOTH POPULATION AND CROPS SUFFERED.

2. THERE WAS ALSO SNOW IN THE CHI-HSING RESORT HILLS AREA NEAR CANTON, ACCORDING TO LOCAL INHABITANTS, THE FIRST IN 50 YEARS. CANTON WAS APPROXIMATELY AT FREEZING TEMPERATURES, AND CROPS IN THE VICINITY MAY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY COLD.

3. FINNS TELL US THEY UNDERSTAND THAT FROST EXTENDED INTO NORTHERN NVN.

4. FOR HONG KONG: WERE HONG KONG TEMPERATURES COMPATIBLE WITH FROST AT LOW LEVELS IN KWANGTUNG?
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